

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
AT CHARLESTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Criminal No. 2:19-00167

WILLIAM ANTHONY SPARKS

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Pending before the court is defendant William Anthony Sparks's Motion to Extend Self-Report Date. (ECF No. 77.) Defendant seeks a 30-day extension so that he can receive additional medical treatment for his badly injured hand.

Defendant was originally scheduled to report to FCI - Elkton to begin serving an 18-month sentence on November 12, 2020. On November 11, 2020, defendant's probation officer in the Eastern District of Michigan informed defendant's counsel that defendant had been hospitalized after sustaining a serious injury where his hand was impaled. The injury required surgery. Upon defendant's motion, the court continued his self-report date to December 14, 2020.

Defendant's probation officer has recently informed his counsel that defendant's hand is still in very bad condition.¹

¹ After filing the motion for continuance, defendant's counsel received and forwarded a picture of defendant's hand to the court, with a copy to counsel for the government. The picture reveals a hand with stitches on the pinky and with what appear to be four metal rods inserted into the ring finger. The rods are connected to a device that appears to be holding the finger in place. Portions of the hand appear to be oozing blood. In

Attached to defendant's motion is a schedule of 8 physical therapy appointments to take place over the next 30 days.

For good cause shown, defendant's motion is **GRANTED**. Defendant is ordered to report for service of his sentence at FCI - Elkton, 8730 Scroggs Road, Elkton, OH 44415, no later than 2:00 p.m. on **January 14, 2021**.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record, the United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia, the Probation Office of this court, and the Warden of FCI - Elkton. The Probation Office of this court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Probation Office of the Eastern District of Michigan.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 11th day of December, 2020.

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David A. Faber

Senior United States District Judge

short, the hand does appear to be in serious need of further healing and medical attention.